



# Boise State International Insider

## News for International Students

February 16, 2012

International Student Services

### Coming Events & Activities

**Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm** - Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center. Free refreshments!

**Every Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00pm** - T.E.A. Time (Thursday English Afternoons). Join us in the Writing Center (LA200) to practice your English skills.

**Every Friday, noon to 1:00pm** - Wisdom Café in the Student Diversity Center. *(See below for details)*

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm** - Food, Song & Dance Festival planning meeting in the SDC.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm** - ISA Food-tasting Party in the Student Diversity Center. *(See pg 3 for flier)*

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:30 to 8:30pm** - "Elect Her: Campus Women Win" training session in the Lookout Room in the SUB. *(See flier on pg 5 for details)*

### A FREE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP! A GREAT OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!

Are you committed to leadership and exploring the many possibilities in becoming a stronger and more confident leader? Then Catalyst is for you! Make this one-day leadership experience your first step in the life-long process of developing your leadership skills while connecting with other emerging leaders.

Learn how to reach your leadership potential!

Understand your impact!

Change the World!

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Meals included

Must be registered to attend. <http://involvement.boisestate.edu/content/forms/catalyst/>



### The Student Diversity Center's ~Wisdom Café~

**When:** noon to one PM...Fridays

**Where:** The Student Diversity Center

**Who:** SDC's resident monk, "Monk,"

International and American students

**What:** *Group discussions, reading / interpreting*

*timeless short wisdom passages and maxims*

*from myriad world views; seeking meaning and application insights*

**Attire:** Sensitive, non-reactive, reclined snow leopard

**Mindset:** pluralistic, knowing, coffee house smirk





The Saudi Club invites students to join their FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saudiscbsu/#!/groups/saudiscbsu/>

### **IT IS TAX TIME! You can get FREE assistance filing your tax refund forms by visiting**

VITA at 2717 S. Vista Avenue, Boise, ID 83705

They are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 - 8pm, and Saturday, 10am - 4pm. I was told that international students should come on Thursdays between 3 and 8 PM. A nice guy named John helps international students prepare tax forms. He is only there on Thursdays.

Here is what one international student recently told me about her visit to VITA: *If you come in the next couple of weeks, you should be there as early as possible. I arrived today at 4 PM and had to wait 3 hours. So I just signed in and went back home and then came back at 6, and still had to wait an additional hour. If students are not in a hurry they should wait till March, and then the lines will be much, much shorter (I did my 2009-2010 at the end of March and never waited more than an hour). VITA doesn't have a phone number and no wi-fi (-: so you better bring homework or something to read.*

When you go to VITA, bring your passport (with the I-94), social security card, the W-2 and the 1042-S (the 1042-S is available on the GLACIER online; you recently received an email about it. It can be downloaded as a pdf. Print it and take it with you). Bring your bank routing number and account number for the direct deposit of the refund.

The offices are located in the back side of the building (a brown colored apartment complex). Come in from the right-hand entrance, where the parking lot is situated. VITA is on the ground floor, and there is a big sign that says **Free Tax Preparation**. You can take bus route (Valley Ride) # 3 to get there, and get off at the Vista and Canal bus stop.

ISS is looking for other resources to refer you to. Watch the newsletter for updates. Some of the on-line programs have been helpful to students in the past. Be careful when visiting local tax preparation businesses that charge a fee. Be sure they are well informed on preparing tax form for international students. Please let us know if you have any questions, but please be aware that ISS is unable to provide tax preparation assistance.

### **WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER!**

ISS is starting a new feature in the International Insider. Each week we will present an article about one of you, our international students. We invite you to be interviewed by an ISS staff member; share a personal story with us and/or share interesting facts about your home country. If you wish to participate, send an email to [internationalinfo@boisestate.edu](mailto:internationalinfo@boisestate.edu) to set an interview time.

We are also looking for a name for this new feature. Our ideas include "Student Spotlight" or "Student Portrait", but we want to hear from you. Send us an email with your thoughts and ideas.

## International Food, Song & Dance Festival Committee Meeting


The main focus of this week's meeting is:

- Choose a poster for our festival (contingent upon our designer's availability)
- Look for 3 positions: Advertising and Marketing Leader, Outreach Officer, and Decorating Coordinator.
- Discuss the performance acts we have so far, as well as potential contacts.
- Different venues to advertise for this event.
- Sponsorship

Everyone is welcome to join us and help create an even better International Food, Song, and Dance Festival. We will meet in the Student Diversity, Friday at 3:00pm. See you there!!

International Student Association Proudly Presents

# FOOD TASTING PARTY



This food-tasting event is to choose dishes that will feature for this year's International Food, Song and Dance Festival. You will have a chance to taste different dishes as well as help decide which ones will go in to the Festival. Come and enjoy the beauty of international cuisine.


**What to do:** Bring one or more dishes that signify your culture. Or you can just come and be ready to eat!

**When:** Saturday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2012, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Where:** Student Diversity Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor SUB)

**Fee:** FREE!

If you have any questions, welcome to contact ISA at [intlstudentsbsu@gmail.com](mailto:intlstudentsbsu@gmail.com)





The Centre for Creativity and Innovation at Boise State is promoting a book title contest to students and faculty on campus to help us name a book series to be published later this year. The prize for the winner is a \$50 gift card for Boise Downtown!

# WIN A \$50

## GIFT CARD TO BOISE DOWNTOWN

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## “Book Series Title” CONTEST

We're developing a book series on  
**Quick Business Tips in**

Human Resources  
Business Communication  
Creativity  
Ethics  
and others...

**The Centre for Creativity & Innovation wants your IDEAS!**

**TO ENTER GO TO: [cobe.boisestate.edu/cc/](http://cobe.boisestate.edu/cc/)**

Questions? email us at [create@boisestate.edu](mailto:create@boisestate.edu) or call (208) 426-2567

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**ALL ENTRIES DUE FEBRUARY 24, 2012**  
by midnight MST



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## STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Build your expertise by learning the importance of **women in politics** and the nuts and bolts of running a **student government campaign!**

Dinner will be provided.

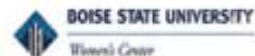
TUES, FEBRUARY 21  
3:30-8:30 PM  
LOOKOUT ROOM, SUB

FREE

REGISTER NOW

womenscenter.boisestate.edu

For accommodations please contact  
the Women's Center at (208) 426-4259.



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